



The Synod of the Covenant

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The Synod of the Covenant Announces Higher Education Scholarships for Christian Leaders Award Winners

The Synod of the Covenant is delighted to announce that it has awarded \$36,000 in scholarships to 23 students from 8 presbyteries and 18 churches out of 48 applicants. These awards, ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,000, go to the winners of the Higher Education Scholarships for Christian Leaders.

These scholarships include 3 associate's degrees, 14 bachelor's degrees, and 6 masters's degrees in theology. Of the 23 scholarships 14 were given to students who self-identify as Black, Korean, Asian, and African.

This year, the scholarship committee went through deep discernment considering the history of these scholarships in The Synod of the Covenant. The committee decided they wanted to grant larger scholarships to fewer applicants and to privilege students of color, students with significant financial need, and MDiv students.

These scholarships are funded in part by per capita payments from the almost 650 Presbyterian Church (USA) congregations and more than 85,000 members, mostly in the states of Ohio and Michigan, throughout the Synod of the Covenant.

The Grants Committee includes Amy Duiker (Miami Valley Presbytery), Jackie Humphries (Detroit Presbytery), Skip Jackson (Scioto Valley

Presbytery), Georgia McCall (Lake Huron Presbytery), Erin Guzman (Muskingum Valley Presbytery) and Barry Chance (Eastminster Presbytery).

Let us focus together on the words of Colossians 1:9-10 as we thank God and pray for our scholarship winners (listed beginning on next page):

Be assured that from the first day we heard of you, we haven't stopped praying for you, asking God to give you wise minds and spirits attuned to his will, and so acquire a thorough understanding of the ways in which God works.

2024-25 Winners of the Synod of the Covenant
Higher Education Scholarship for Christian Leaders

Cincinnati Presbytery

Indian Hills Episcopal Presbyterian Church
Elliott Caine

Knox Presbyterian Church

Zachary Goode
Zoe Goode

Detroit Presbytery

Broadstreet Presbyterian Church
De'Shira Longmire

Calvary Presbyterian Church of Detroit
LaMark Smith

First Presbyterian Church Plymouth
Hannah Campbell

New Hope Church of Michigan
Corwin Kim

Reformed University Fellowship
Cassidy Van Skiver

Lake Huron Presbytery

First Presbyterian Church Mt. Pleasant
Anna Miller

Memorial Presbyterian Church
Brenden Dastick

Lake Michigan Presbytery

North Park Presbyterian Church
Yaw Poku

Presbyterian Church of Okemos
Jonathan Townley

Maumee Valley Presbytery

First Presbyterian Church Van Wert
Jonathan Hruaia

Hanmi Covenant Presbyterian Church
Seyun Grace Kim
Yaewon Nam

Presbytery of the Miami Valley

Bellbrook Presbyterian Church
Bethany Stewart

Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church
Cathleen O'Malley

Muskingum Valley Presbytery

First Presbyterian Church of Ashland
Feifei Xu
Jiaxing Ouyang
Na Yang

Scioto Valley Presbytery

Ramseyer Presbyterian Church
Jocelyn Owusu
Justice Ofosuhene

Worthington Presbyterian Church
Noella Abrokwa